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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)

In re: Application of Shaw et al.  
Serial No.: To be Assigned  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith  
For: *METHOD OF FORMING  
INTERCONNECTIONS  
BETWEEN CHANNELS  
AND CHAMBERS*

Date: July 12, 2000

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

4. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [any preceding claim] wherein the at least one cut formed in the first substrate and the at least one cut formed in the second substrate are off-set.

5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [any preceding claim] wherein the at least one cut formed substantially perpendicular to the plane of the substrate.

6. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [any preceding claim] wherein the cuts are formed by sawing.

7. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [any preceding claim] wherein the cuts are formed by mechanical milling.